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1. WE BELIEVE IT UNWISE TO ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DRAWN
INTO INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC DISCUSSIONS OF HOW, WHEN AND
WITH WHAT PRIORITY ECONOMIC COOPERATION CENTER IN BERLIN
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MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE, WHEN SUBJECT IS

RAISED AGAIN IN THE BONN GROUP, USREP SHOULD NOTE THAT:

--AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE US FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT
OF OFFICES WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO BERLIN-FRG TIES OR
WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE CONTRIBUTE TO BERLIN VIABILITY.
--FOR REASONS OUTLINED PARA 3 REF C, US THINKS IT
UNLIKELY SUFFICIENT SUPPORT COULD BE GENERATED AT
CSCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION
CENTER IN BERLIN. IT IS OUR PRESENT THINKING
THAT US WOULD NOT OPPOSE BUT COULD OFFER ONLY MILD
SUPPORT TO FRG PROPOSAL IN CSCE TO ESTABLISH EAST-
WEST COOPERATION CENTER IN BERLIN.

2. REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING ESTABLISHMENT OTHER
POSSIBLE FEDERAL OFFICES IN BERLIN, WE AGREE PROCEDURES

SET FORTH IN BERLIN'S A-230 ACCEPTABLE. WE ARE STRONGLY
OPPOSED TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO SOVIETS, OR PUBLIC
STATEMENT BY ALLIES. RATHER THAN REACH DECISION ON
LENGTHY LIST OF POSSIBLE OFFICES, WE FAVOR CASE BY
CASE CONSIDERATION OF EACH ORGANIZATION. KISSINGER

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